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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7198

BILL NUMBER: SB 229

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 14, 2005

BILL AMENDED: Jan 13, 2005

SUBJECT: School For The Blind.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Lubbers

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) The bill changes the name of the School for The Blind to the School for The Blind and Visually Impaired. The bill makes certain changes to the qualifications for the superintendents of the School for The Blind and the School for The Deaf, and changes the title of "superintendent" to "chief executive officer" for each school.

Effective Date: July 1, 2005.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) *Summary:* Under the bill, the School For The Blind to the proposed name of the School for The Blind And Visually Impaired. The bill would change the name of the superintendent of the School for The Blind and School for The Deaf to the chief executive officer. The provision would require the two schools to update business cards and stationary. In addition the School for the Blind would likely replace their signs.

The bill does not provide an appropriation to cover the expenditure for these changes but it is assumed that these expenses would be covered under their existing budget.

Background: The General Assembly appropriated \$10.4 M to the School for The Blind from the state General Fund and \$122,028 from dedicated funds in FY 2005. Total General Fund expenditure for the School for The Blind was \$10.6 M in FY 2004. The School for The Blind expended \$20,993 for stationary/office supplies in FY 2004. The School for the Deaf expended \$14,027 for stationary/office supplies in FY 2004.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Indiana School for The Blind; Indiana School for The Deaf.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Object Trial Balance June 30, 2004; *State of Indiana List of Appropriations July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2005*.

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